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In re Application of: Jay C. Chen
Application No. 09/456,794

Filed: December 8, 1999

For: CRYPTOGRAPHIC SYSTEM AND
METHOD FOR ELECTRONIC
TRANSACTIONS

DECISION ON PETITION FOR
ACCELERATED EXAMINATION
UNDER M.P.E.P. §708.02(VIII)

This is a decision on the petition, filed December 8, 1999 under 37 C.F.R. §1.102(d) and M.P.E.P. §708.02(VIII): Accelerated Examination, to make the above-identified application special.

M.P.E.P. §708.02, Section VIII which sets out the prerequisites for a grantable petition for Accelerated Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.102(d) states in relevant part:

A new application (one which has not received any examination by the examiner) may be granted special status provided that applicant (and this term includes applicant's attorney or agent) complies with each of the following items:

- (a) Submits a petition to make special accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i);
- (b) Presents all claims directed to a single invention, or if the Office determines that all the claims presented are not obviously directed to a single invention, will make an election without traverse as a prerequisite to the grant of special status.
- (c) Submits a statement(s) that a pre examination search was made, *listing the field* of search by class and subclass, publication, Chemical Abstracts, foreign patents, etc. A search made by a foreign patent office satisfies this requirement;
- (d) Submits one copy each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims if said references are not already of record; and
- (e) Submits a detailed discussion of the references, which discussion points out, with the particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c), how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references.

In those instances where the request for this special status does not meet all the prerequisites

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set forth above, applicant will be notified and the defects in the request will be stated. The application will remain in the status of a new application awaiting action in its regular turn. In those instances where a request is defective in one or more respects, applicant will be given one opportunity to perfect the request in a renewed petition to make special. If perfected, the request will then be granted. If not perfected in the first renewed petition, any additional renewed petitions to make special may or may not be considered at the discretion of the Group Special Program Examiner.

Applicant's submission is deficient in that it does not comply with (b), (c), (d), and (e) above. That is, it does not indicate that Applicant will make an election without traverse if the Office determines that all claims are not obviously directed to a single invention, it does not contain a statement listing the field of search, it does not supply a copy of the references deemed most closely related and it does not contain a detailed discussion of the references as required by section (e) above. Note that the discussion must point out how the claimed subject mater is patentable over the references.

The references cited in the International Search Report are not of record in this file and Applicant is advised to file an IDS and copies of the references. Note further, that although the letter designation on a Search Report is adequate description to met the requirements of an IDS (See MPEP § 609) it does not suffice to meet (e) above which requires a detailed discussion of the references which points out with particularity how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references.

Accordingly, the Petition is **<u>DENIED</u>**. The application file is being forwarded to Central Files to await examination in its proper turn based on its effective filing date.

Any request for reconsideration must be filed within two months of the mailing date of this decision.

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